Census of Handicapped People

† 3156. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted census of handicapped people to know their number throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Disability was canvassed in the 1981 Census. Details of the said Census are as follows:

India	
Total Disabled	1,118,948
Totally Blind	478,657
Totally Crippled	363,600
Totally Dumb	276,691

Amount Sanctioned for SCs/STs/OBCs in Assam

3157. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of amount sanctioned by Government during the last three years and till dates for the various welfare schemes for SCs/STs/OBCs and other weaker sections of the society in the State of Assam; and

(b) the details of achievements made in each scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Details of amount sanctioned by the Ministry of Social and Empowerment for various welfare schemes for SCs/STs/OBCs and Minorities in the State of Assam alongwith the details of achievements made in each scheme are given in the Annexure *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 82].

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